Report on Regional Rural Banks

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*152. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group constituted to finalise service rules and promotion policy in the Regional Rural Banks has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c). Government orders granting pay scales, allowances and other benefits to employees of Regional Rural Banks at par with those applicable to officers and other employees of posts of comparable level in sponsor banks in implementation of the award of the National Industrial Tribunal for RRBs and the recommendations of the Equation Committee had been issued on 22nd February, 1991. This necessitated changes in service regulations, recruitment/ promotion policy and also settlement of issues which had cropped up in the fitment of RRB employees in sponsor bank pay scales. National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) had accordingly constituted a Working Group in September, 1991 with the following terms of reference:

(i) to frame service regulations for all categories of employees of RRBs:

(ii) to frame recruitment and promotion policies in RRBs; and

(iii) any other matter relating to the implementation of the award of the Tribunal read with the Equation Committee Report.

NABARD has reported that the Working Group has since submitted its report to the National Bank on 18.02.1992. The National Bank is studying the report and they will be advising the Government regarding the action to be taken on the recommendations contained in the report.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Production and Export of Rice

*153. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI K. PRADHNI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Basmati and non-Basmati rice produced and exported during 1991-92;

(b) the names of the countries to which exported; and

(c) the targets fixed for production and export of rice during 1992-93 and the countries to which the export is proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total production of rice during 1991-92 is estimated to be 72-73 million tonnes. Estimate of production of basmati rice are not separately available.

During the period from 1st April, 1991 to 31st January 1992 1,80,600 MTs of basmati

rice and 3,56,200 MTs of non-basmati rice have been exported.

(b) Rice is exported mainly to Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat, Jordan, Iran and UK, etc.

(c) The target fixed for production of rice during 1992-93 is 78.5 to 79 million tonnes. While the exact target for export of rice for the year 1992-93 is yet to be fixed, efforts will be to further expand rice exports to our traditional markets, subject, however, to availability of surpluses for exports.

[*English*]

Economic Offenses Courts

154. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of economic offences courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases pending in these courts, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount of revenue under litigation;

(e) whether the Government propose to open more such courts;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(g) the other steps proposed to be taken for speedy disposal of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The information is as under:-

S.No.	*Name of State*	*No. of Courts*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Gujarat	1
2.	Maharashtra	1
3.	Karnataka	1
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1
5.	Kerala	1
6.	Delhi	1
7.	Andhra Pradesh	1
8.	Rajasthan	1
9.	Uttar Pradesh	2
10.	Tamil Nadu	2
11.	Bihar	1
12.	Orissa	1

(b) Information in respect of Direct Taxes is as under:-

S.No.	*Name of State*	*No. of pending cases*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Gujarat	1562
2.	Maharashtra	15391
3.	Karnataka	668
4.	Madhya Pradesh	519
5.	Kerala	98
6.	Delhi	7737